

heart, they would exchange it for all the frigid speculations of their lives. Believe me, then, my friend, that that is a miserable arithmetic which could estimate friendship at nothing. (From a letter to Mrs. Maria Cosway, written in Paris, 1786. F. IV., 319-)

FRIENDSHIP.—The way to make friends quarrel is to put them in disputation under the public eye. An experience of near twenty years has taught me that few friendships stand this test, and that public assemblies, where every one is free to act and speak, are the most powerful looseners of the bands of private friendship. (To George Washington, 1784. F. III., 466.)

FUGITIVE DEBTORS.—To' remit the fugitive from debt would be to remit him in every case, for in the present state of things it is next to impossible not to owe something. But I see neither injustice nor inconvenience in permitting the fugitive to be sued in our courts. The laws of some countries punishing the unfortunate debtor by perpetual imprisonment, he is right to liberate himself by flight, and it would be wrong to re-imprison him in the country to which he flies. Let all process, therefore, be confined to his property. (From a report on. convention with Spain, 1792. F. V., 484.)

GENET.—Never in my opinion was so calamitous an appointment made as that of the present Minister of France here. Hotheaded, all imagination, no judgment, passionate, disrespectful and even indecent towards the President in his written as well as verbal communications, talking of appeals from him to Congress, from them to<sup>1</sup> the people, urging the most unreasonable and groundless propositions, and the most dictatorial style. (To James Madison, 1793. F. VI., 339.)

GENET.—Genet has thrown down the gauntlet to the President by the publication of his letter and my answer, and is himself forcing that appeal and risking that disgust which I had so much wished should have been avoided. The indications from different parts of the continent are already sufficient to show that the mass of the Republican interest has no hesitation to disapprove of this intermeddling by a foreigner, and the more readily as his object was evidently, contrary to his professions,